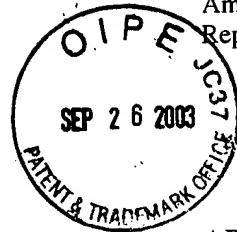Appl. No. 09/533,517
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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In response to the Office Action dated May 22, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows.

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 3 of this paper.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 5 of this paper.

Amendments to the Drawings begin on page 17 of this paper and include attached replacement sheets (no annotated sheet showing changes are attached since the changes are simple and obvious).

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 18 of this paper.

An **Appendix** including following documents is attached following page 23 of this paper.

Amended drawing figures (FIGS. 1-3)

A copy of the PTO Form 1449 filed on June 12, 2000 with the Examiner's partial acknowledgment.

A copy of missing reference "AC": McKeown, et al., "The Bay Bridge: High Speed Router" which was cited in the PTO Form 1449 identified above.

A copy of grant of Limited Recognition under 37 CFR §10.9(b) for the undersigned to prosecute the patent application before the United States Patent and Trademark Office for the file record.